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SUBJECT: REAPPEARANCE OF SPORTS CZAR WANG MENG

REF: A. PEKING 1007; B. HONG KONG 6854; C. HONGKONG 5120

WANG MENG, THE SPORTS CZAR WHO HAD BEEN ABSENT FROM THE SPOTLIGHT FOR SOME SEVEN MONTHS, HAS RETURNED TO PUBLIC VIEW (NCNA SEPTEMBER 28). WANG WAS REPORTED AMONG THE HIGH-LEVEL PEKING LEADERSHIP GROUPING GATHERED FOR THE RETURNED ASIAN GAMES DELEGATION AND WAS LISTED AHEAD OF PING PONG HERO CHUANG TSE-TUNG WHO EARLIER LOOKED LIKE HIS POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT (REF C).

2. WANG HAD BEEN CRITICIZED EARLIER THIS YEAR (REF B) AND HAD ALSO BEEN SEEN IN THE HOSPITAL (REF A). THIS REAPPEARANCE IN THE SELECT COMPANY OF POLITBURO FIGURES SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CANCEL OUT THE CRITICISM LEVELLED AGAINST HIM AND, IN THE CURRENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ATMOSPHERE IN PEKING, IS ANOTHER SIGN THAT THE REGIME IS TRYING

TO MAINTAIN AN AURA OF UNITY AND STABILITY IN THE FACE OF
DELICATE LEADERSHIP ADJUSTMENTS.
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